

Frequently Asked **QUESTIONS**

What is the purpose of the open space near my house?

While the purpose may vary, often these spaces serve to convey stormwater along a natural drainage way.

Who is responsible for paying for maintenance of the area?

During development, it is the developer's responsibility. A homeowners association may assume responsibility after completion.

Just what are our maintenance responsibilities?

Typically, the removal of trash and dead vegetation, control of noxious weeds and maintenance of drainage ways are among the responsibilities. These may vary depending on the area.

Won't ponds and wetlands increase mosquito problems?

The biological systems that function in a healthy pond or wetland typically include predators that effectively control mosquito populations.

To request a copy of the Neighborhood Greenspace Handbook, write to:

Lincoln Parks & Recreation
Attn: Greenspace Handbook
2740 A Street / Lincoln, NE 68502

or call (402)441-7847 or e-mail parks@lincoln.ne.gov
Handbooks are also available on the web at lincoln.ne.gov, keyword: R2R

For additional information call Public Works & Utilities Watershed Management at (402)441-4959



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‘How Does My Neighborhood Greenspace Benefit Me?’

When you purchased your home, or the lot on which you planned to build it, one thing that influenced your decision may have been the open land, or greenspace, nearby. With this amenity comes responsibility.

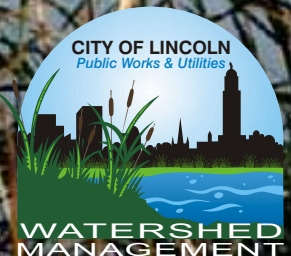
The City has developed a Neighborhood Greenspace Handbook which is designed to aid homeowners associations in the care and maintenance of their greenspace. Although the handbook is aimed toward neighborhood groups, other property owners with greenspace responsibilities may also find this publication useful, as many of the same principles of planning, planting and care are also applicable to these areas.

The Neighborhood Greenspace Handbook for Homeowners Associations provides:

- Tools and resources for the formation of a maintenance plan for your greenspace area
- An explanation of the role of greenspaces in stormwater drainage systems
- Step-by-step guided planning process with action worksheets
- A review of different greenspace designs common to Lincoln
- A recommended planting list
- General information on stormwater handling structures (ponds, streams, etc.)
- Information about mosquito and sedimentation control

Properly maintained greenspaces can:

- Reduce chances of flooding by providing a destination for excess stormwater
- Provide year-round recreational opportunities for the entire family
- Provide a natural method for mosquito control
- Reduce long term cost and maintenance
- Provide habitat for many wildlife species



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